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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/238,995	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KAWAN, JOSEPH C.	
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/22/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8,10-17,22,27,33,39,42-50,55-58,63-66,69-74 and 79-81 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8,10-17,22,27,33,39,42-50,55-58,63-66,69-74 and 79-81 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The Appeal Brief filed July 22, 2005 is acknowledged. Upon further consideration of the art cited in the case, the previous rejections using Jamchimowicz et al (US 5, 789,733), Fox et al (US 5,943,624) and Claus (US 5,461,217) are withdrawn. However, prosecution of the case is hereby REOPENED based upon new rejections using Gutman et al (US 5,221,838) and Dagger (US 5,748,737).

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-5, 8, 10-17, 22, 27, 33, 39, 42-45, 47-50, 55-58, 63-66, 69-74, 79-81s are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over in view of Gutman et al (US 5221, 838) in view of Dagger (US 5,748,737).

Gutman shows a method of contact less interfacing for a finance card which allows a user to establish a physical contact bi-directional communication interface between a financial card (22) and a hand-held computing device (electronic wallet) for accessing a financial card application on the of the financial card (see col. 5, lines 44-65), *As in claims 1 and 63*

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--identify information and transaction information on the hand-held computing device (see col. 5, lines 57-59; and col. 7, lines 66 to col. 8, lines 2), *as in claims 1 and 63*

--initiate a contact less bi-directional communication interface via the hand-held computing device between the smart card application and a self-service transaction terminal of an on-line system of a financial institution (see fig. 1, col. 3, lines 46-68; and col. 4, lines 36-54), *as in claim 1 and 63*

--verify the financial card by the on-line system based at least in part on the identifying information received by the on-line system via the contact less communication interface between the hand-held computing device and the self-service transaction terminal (see col. 7, lines 66 to col. 8, line 2), *as in claims 1, 63 and 81* and

--communicate the transaction information entered by the user on the hand-held computing device to the self-service transaction terminal of the on-line system via the contact less communication interface (see figs. 5B-5E, col. 12, line 64+; and col. 14, lines 17+), *as in claims 1, 63 and 81*

Gutman discloses that the financial card is a magnetic card that is used to exchange information, but fails to disclose that the financial card is a smart card. Dagger teaches that electronic purse systems have generally adopted the smart card for contact retail payments and non-contact cards for transportation payments such as tolls (see Dagger, col. 1, lines 57-67). Dagger also discloses Gutman failing to use the smart card (see col. 6, lines 36+). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify/substitute the smart card of Dagger for the magnetic card of Gutman to provide the latest electronic wallet technology to allow existing infrastructures to accept new digital card transactions, provide digital card storage, reduce

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fraud, etc., as enunciated in *Dagger* (see *Dagger*, col. 8, lines 3-43). Thus such modification would have been an obvious expedient to one of ordinary skill in the art.

*As in claims 2 and 64*, wherein the contact less communication interface further comprises an infrared communication interface (see Gutman, col. 4, lines 36-54).

*As in claims 3 and 65*, wherein the contact less communication interface further comprises a wireless communication interface (see Gutman, col. 4, lines 36-54).

*As in claim 4 and 66*, further comprises a radio frequency communications interface (see Gutman, col. 4, lines 36-54).

*As in claim 5*, wherein the wireless communication interface (see Gutman, col. 4, lines 36-54)

*Re in claim 6*, wherein the radio frequency communication interface further comprises a proximity communication interface (see Gutman, col. 4, lines 35-55).

*As in claim 8*, wherein the financial institution further comprises a bank (see Gutman, col. 7, lines 50-53).

*As in claim 9*, wherein allowing the user to initiate the contact less communication interface between the financial card application and the self-service transaction terminal further comprises allowing the user to initiate the contact less communications interface through a contact less communication transceiver of the terminal (see Gutman, col. 9, lines 10-26).

*As in claim 11*, wherein allowing the user to initiate the contact less communication interface between the smart card application and the self-service transaction terminal further comprises allowing the user to initiate the contact less communication interface through an ignored transceiver of the terminal (see Gutman, col. 9, lines 10-26).

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*As in claims 12 and 69*, wherein the self-service transaction terminal further comprises an automated teller machine (see Dagger, col. 20, lines 11-19),

*As in claim 13 and 70*, wherein the self-service transaction terminal further comprises a personal computer (see Gutman, col. 9, lines 37-44).

*As in claims 14 and 71*, wherein the self-service transaction terminal further comprises a telephone (304) (see Gutman, fig. 4, col. 10, lines 66 to col. 11, line 50).

*As in claims 15*, wherein the self-service transaction terminal further comprises a wireless telephone (see “pager,” col. 11, lines 9+).

*As in claim 16*, wherein allowing the user to initiate the contact less communication interface between the financial card application and the self-service transaction terminal further comprises allowing the user to initiate the contact less communication interface through a wireless transceiver of the terminal (see “pager,” col. 11, lines 9+).

*As in claim 17*, wherein the Wireless transceiver further comprises a radio frequency transceiver of the terminal (see col. 4, lines 36-54).

*As in claim 22*, wherein allowing the user to initiate the contact less communication interface between the financial card application and the self-service transaction terminal further comprises allowing the user to initiate the contact less communication interface through a proximity transceiver of the terminal (see Gutman, col. 4, lines 35-55),

*As in claim 27*, wherein allowing the user to initiate the contact less communication further comprises allowing the user to initiate the contact less communication between the contact less communication transceiver of the self-service transaction terminal and a contact less

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communication transceiver of the hand-held computing device comprising a personal data assistant (electronic wallet) (see col. 9, lines 10-26).

*As in claim 33*, wherein the personal data assistant further comprises an electronic purse or wallet (see Abstract; also col. 3, lines 46+).

*As in claim 39*, wherein verifying the smart card further comprises verifying the smart card by the on-line system based at least in part on the identifying information received by the on-line system via the contact less communication interface between the hand-held computing device comprising a personal data assistant and the self-service transaction terminal(see col. 7, lines 66 to col. 8, line 2).

*As in claim 42*, wherein verifying the smart card further comprises verifying the authenticity of the financial card (see col. 7, lines 66 to col. 8, line 2).

*As in claim 43*, wherein verifying the financial card further comprises checking security information for the user.

*As in claim 44*, wherein checking security information further comprises receiving security information for the user (see col. 7, lines 66 to col. 8, line 2).

*As in claim 45*, wherein receiving security information further comprises receiving a PIN number (e.g. password) for the user (see col. 7, line 66 to col. 8, line 2).

*As in claim 47*, wherein receiving security information further comprises receiving the security information on an input/output device (see col. 7, lines 66 to col. 8, line 2)

*As in claim 48 and 73*, wherein receiving the security information further comprises receiving the security information through an input output device of the hand-held computing device comprising a personal data assistant (see col. 9, lines 10-26).

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*As in claim 49 and 74*, wherein the personal data assistant comprises an electronic purse or wallet (see col. 9, lines 10-26).

*As in claim 50*, wherein receiving the security information further comprises receiving the information through the input/output device of a terminal (see col. 7, line 66 to col. 8, line 2)

*As in claims 55*, wherein allowing the user to enter the transaction information further comprises receiving the information through an input/output device (see col. 7, line 66 to col. 8, line 2)

*As in claim 56*, wherein receiving the information further comprises receiving the information through the input/output device of the hand-held computing device comprising a personal data assistant (see col. 7, line 66 to col. 8, line 2)

*As in claim 57*, wherein the personal data assistant comprises an electronic purse or wallet (see col. 9, lines 10-26).

*As in claim 58*, wherein receiving the information further comprises receiving the information through the input output device of a terminal(see col. 7, line 66 to col. 8, line 2)

*As in claim 72*, The system of claim 63, wherein the on-line system comprises a bank host on-line system (see Gutman, col. 7, lines 50-53).

*As in claim 75*, wherein the accessing of the smart card application comprises executing the smart card application (see Dagger, col. 12, lines 1-8).

*As in claim 80*, wherein the accessing of the smart card application comprises loading the smart card application (see Gutman, col. 7, lines 50-53)



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Re claim 46: computer systems receiving biometric information from a user (e.g., fingerprint, retina scan etc.) is notoriously old and well known for retrieving information that is uniquely and readily available from the user and is matched against the system's database to provide access similar to that of other well known techniques (e.g. PIN, password, etc.). Thus Official Notice is taken of receiving biometric information because one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized biometric data as an obvious alternative to the PIN and/or password disclosed in Gutman and Dagger to access their systems and to perform various transactions. Thus an artisan would have recognized the fact that to provide a fingerprint or a retina scan would substitute for a PIN number or password in the event that the PIN number and/or password was forgotten or lost. Thus the such a modification would be well within the ordinary skill of the art as well as being an obvious extension to the teachings of Gutman and Hsu to continue to allow users to access their systems without a PIN and/or password per se.

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***Conclusion***

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